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 \_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 \_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 8, 2003, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding runs to July 8, 2003, re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims is attached hereto as "APPENDIX A - MARKED-UP CLAIMS".

Please amend claim 1, as follows:

1 (Twice Amended). A laser processing apparatus, comprising:

a laser oscillator that emits laser light;

an fθ lens positioned relative to the laser oscillator that converges said emitted